

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

APRIL 11, 2005

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Doug Ballou, NE Hazel Dell; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Sue Lintz, Minnehaha; Lamont Shaindlin, Sifton; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Mona Moyer, Pleasant Highlands; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills; Holly Gaya, Clark County Neighborhood Outreach; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Bob Pool, Clark County Assessment and GIS; Lee & Geri Wells, Ridgefield; Bridget Schwarz, North Salmon Creek; Milada Allen, Felida.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doug announced the agenda for the evening: Bob Pool of Assessment and GIS and Bridget Schwarz on the May forum on substance abuse – “Is Clark County in Denial”.

Doug announced that six representatives were chosen for the NUSA Conference to be held in Sacramento with Bridget Schwarz, Bud Van Cleve, and Milada Allen from NACCC among those chosen. Doug Ballou and Holly Gaya will also be attending. This project is in partnership with the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Neighborhood Associations. As we did this past year, representatives attending the conference agreed to complete a joint community project upon return. This year a team will be giving a presentation at NUSA regarding the successful “Building Partnerships with Neighborhood Associations” forum held on February 8, 2005.

Doug, Milada and Bud met with Tom Hagley, Director of Vancouver School District to have further discussions regarding the Youth Partnership. A NACCC sub-committee on this project plan to meet to develop a program to connect with youth in the community via a partnership with VSD. Doug received a copy of the Senior Project Handbook from Tom Hagley and they will meet to discuss project ideas for youth which may start where NAs join in, or the youth may join in a project already in progress in a NA. Doug announced that they still need volunteers to judge senior projects. If interested, refer to the NE Hazel Dell newsletter for the names of the coordinators of four high schools.

Friends of Salmon Creek contacted Doug to meet and discuss their concerns about the proposed methadone clinic and Neighborhood Associations. This meeting helped establish a dialog with the group which we hope will continue. Doug encouraged them to participate in the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Quality Inn and a mediator from Jeanne Lawson will be participating. Doug said it was important to get factual information out and that the Friends of Salmon Creek need to be included in the process.

### BOB POOL, CLARK COUNTY ASSESSMENT AND GIS

Bob gave an informative presentation on the workings of the GIS department. (Geographical Information System). He stated that GIS was a visual language and the many layers of GIS illustrations bring much sense to the comprehensive plan figuring.

He indicated that 60,000 aerial photos were taken of the county every two years. GIS provides the framework and integrates knowledge about parcels to keep departments better organized. GIS is a regional resource with all Clark County cities and towns utilizing it. Effectively, it is a library of geographic information.

Part of the GIS computer access program includes “Maps Online” which also contains property information. With a few clicks of buttons, one can get almost any information about any parcel in the county. The property information center brings together all the various information on a given parcel.

Bob then walked us through a demonstration so that we would all be more familiar with using the GIS information.

This was a very informative session and neighborhood leaders now have a new tool to help get information about their neighborhoods.

#### BRIDGET SCHWARZ, SUBSTANCE ABUSE FORUM

Bridget announced that a press release went out last week announcing a NACCC sponsored forum to be held on May 3 from 7-9 p.m. at the Public Service Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room entitled “Is Clark County in Denial?”. Doug Ballou will be the moderator and there will be an impressive array of panelists from Vancouver and Portland who have first hand knowledge of the substance abuse problem in our area. These include a judge, a sheriff’s office deputy, clinic program managers, state division of alcohol and substance, etc. The forum is being presented to inform the Clark County citizens on the need for substance abuse treatment programs in our community. The agenda is varied and covers subjects such as symptoms, denial, detox, relapses, co-addiction, treatments, community impacts, who pays, etc.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Art Stubbs, Green Meadows – As a member of the Clean Water Commission, Art announced that they have instituted a program to work with the Builders Association to find developers who are willing to start building “green” or “low impact” development. They will be meeting soon to secure one.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds – George announced that the UGB is being revisited with the result that it is pushing out into more of his NA. Land around the fairgrounds is being taken out of urban holding and traffic circulation meetings are being held.

Mona Moyer, Pleasant Highlands – Mona announced that the Pleasant Valley Park is in the process of being developed, although it will be some time. Urban growth issues remain a hot topic.

Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell – They are in the process of finalizing their newsletter. March 19 is the meeting for the election of officers.

Milada Allen, Felida – Erickson Farms PUD is coming to speak at their April 28 meeting. Milada was concerned because the county would not show her the file on this project. Suggestions were made on whom she should contact for results.

Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds and FOCC – Bridget was outraged that the habitat conservation ordinance was going to strike out language that would penalize developers that

destroy habitat. She is going to testify and wants other who can make it to also come to support the effort.

Lamont Shaindlin, Sifton – Sifton is growing and they are meeting Tuesday night with three speakers: county traffic rep, sheriff's dept., meth houses and sex offender problems.

Lee Wells, Ridgefield – Lee announced 4-5 new developments around Hillhurst. The intersection of 45<sup>th</sup> and Pioneer is being upgraded and the city has approved the construction of a roundabout at this very dangerous intersection. It is being financed by the developer who is building at that intersection. Lee also suggested that NACCC invite George Fox to come to a meeting to share his experiences on his trip to the Mohegan Sun in Ct.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point – Susan announced that she has been invited to give a presentation to the Legislative Roundtable meeting on April 30. She will be presenting the environmental impacts on the surrounding lands of the proposed Cowlitz/Mohegan casino development.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell – Bud has suggested to the county that project sheets that are published without addresses should contain the parcel i.d. # so that neighborhood leaders know exactly where the development will be occurring. Bud also suggested that each of us invite the commissioners to our meetings. With two new commissioners, it would be good for them to see how active the neighborhoods are.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Review by Doug Ballou, April 13, 2005